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## **CITIZEN TIPS LEAD TO ARREST OF SUSPECT WANTED FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT OF ELDERLY WOMAN**

Detroit Police have arrested a suspect in the assault and attempted rape of an 84-year-old woman on Sunday, as well as a rape of a 23 year-old woman in the same area on Tuesday morning.

At approximately 10:45 am on that day, the 84-year-old victim was walking home from the store when she was attacked near Concord and Benson and forced onto a vacant lot, where the suspect continued to assault her. He had begun attempting to sexually assault the woman when a concerned neighbor noticed the commotion and scared off the suspect, who then fled.

Working from an anonymous citizen tip, Detroit police this morning located and arrested the 22-year-old male suspect at a house on Abbington on the city's east side at approximately 11:00 am. The suspect, who lives very close to the 84-year-old victim, had been hiding out at the house on Abbington.

The suspect closely matches the description of the man in the case involving the 84-year-old woman, as well as the sexual assault of the 23-year-old woman that occurred Tuesday morning.

At approximately 6:35 am on Tuesday morning, the victim was standing at a bus stop near E. Vernor and E. Grand Boulevard when she said she was approached by an armed man who forced her into a vacant home in the 7000 block of E. Vernor and sexually assaulted her.

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At the time of the attack the man was described as pulling a gun out of a man's purse. When officers arrested the suspect, he had in his possession a purse which contained a facsimile weapon. The purse matched the description that was provided to police by the victim.

Detroit Police will be seeking warrants against the suspect, who could face charges of kidnapping, first degree criminal sexual conduct, felony firearms and possibly other charges.

The suspect is being held pending the issuance of a warrant.

Detroit Police thanked all citizens who came forward with information that helped lead to the arrest of the suspect. They also reminded residents that they can anonymously provide crime tips to Detroit Police Department (DPD) by sending a text message to 847411 (TIP411). All tips must begin with the letters DPD to reach Detroit Police.

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